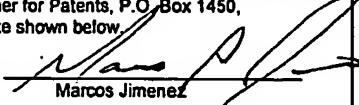


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### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is a preliminary amendment to accompany the above-identified continuation application. The entire disclosure of the prior application, application serial no. 10/243,881 filed on September 13, 2002, from which an oath or declaration is supplied, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying divisional application and is hereby entirely incorporated by reference.

The present application claims priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-285072 filed September 19, 2001. All papers and documents required to make the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f) were filed in the parent case on September 13, 2002.

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DESCRIPTION:**

On Page 1, before the first paragraph, please **insert** the following:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 10/243,881, filed on September 13, 2002, which application is specifically incorporated herein, in its entirety, by reference.